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**Congressman Dent presents \$1.28 million toward connector
between Route 309 and Pennsylvania Turnpike**

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15), a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, today presented a check for \$1.28 million toward construction of the long-awaited SR 1058 connector highway between Route 309 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension in Montgomery County.

The money comes from the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which will bring more than \$56.1 million toward needed infrastructure and transportation projects in the 15th District.

The Congressman presented the check to officials of Franconia Township as well as state Rep. Robert Godshall, state Sen. Rob Wonderling and state Sen. Stewart Greenleaf. Also accepting the check was Pamela Learned, executive director of the Regional Improvement Consortium (RIC), a local consortium of businesses that have stressed the need for this connector and other regional highway improvements for more than a decade.

“This access to the turnpike will be an essential project to the vitality of our communities,” Congressman Dent said. “I thank the state representatives and senators, Montgomery County and local officials, and everyone involved for their support of this project and helping stress to me the need for federal dollars. I especially want to acknowledge the resident ‘squeaky wheel’ on this important project, the Regional Improvement Consortium.

“In Congress, we called this a jobs bill because of the huge impact of good transportation infrastructure,” Congressman Dent said. “We will create jobs in construction and ancillary services while the work is done, and we will see quality economic development for decades to come as a result of better roads.”

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